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SUBJ: VJESNIK COMMENTATOR ON U.S. ELECTIONS AND PERSONALITIES

REF: BELGRADE 6005

1. IN SEPTEMBER 13 VJESNIK COMMENTARY ENTITLED "FAIR OF ILLUSIONS", ZELJKO BRIHTA DISCUSSES MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN US AND WEST GERMANY. BRIHTA, VJESNIK'S REGULAR COMMENTATOR ON GERMAN AFFAIRS, STATES THAT OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS RARELY BRINGS SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, PARTICULARLY SOCIAL CHANGE. ELECTIONS, HE SAYS, ARE MERELY "LITTLE BETTER THAN BAROMETERS OF ATTITUDES OR OPINION POLLS." IN THIS CONTEXT, BRIHTA CRITICIZES ATTENTION DEVOTED TO ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND UNDUE INTEREST IN WHO WILL WIN.

2. BRIHTA OBSERVES THAT US ELECTION WILL NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS SINCE THESE RELATIONS QUOTE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO WHIM OR TO THIS OR THAT ADMINISTRATION, ALTHOUGH--IF THE NAMES MEAN ANYTHING--THEY ALSO DEPEND ON WHAT KIND OF AND HOW MUCH INFLUENCE VARIOUS SONNEFFELDTS (SIC) AND SILBERMANNS (SIC) HAVE UNQUOTE. BUT

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BRIHTA CONTINUES, QUOTE POLICY IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE

AND THAT DOES NOT DEPEND MAINLY OR EXCLUSIVELY ON  
THE NAME OF THE PARTY UNDER WHICH THE ELECTED PRESIDENT  
OR CHANCELLOR RAN. UNQUOTE.  
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